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Gaol-delivery for the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*.

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An exact and true Account of all

Proceedings at the late Sessions, being a Perfect Particular of the Indictment, Arraignment, Tryal, Condemnation and Execution of several Malefactors, *&c.*

With many other Passages and Proceedings of several Persons that were Condemned and not Executed.

At the Sessions begun at *Hicks-Hall* on Wednesday the third of *September*, and continued at the Sessions-House in the *Old-Bayly* till Wednesday the 10*th* of the same Moneth.

There were 17 Condemned, but 13 Executed : which Execution was on Saturday *September* 13*th* 1673. the other four His Majesty hath been Gratiously pleased to spare from that immediate Execution.

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IMprimis, a Woman-Servant in *Fleetstreet*, was called to the Barr at Justice-hall in the Old-Bayly the 5*th* day of *Septemb.* in the year of our Lord God 1673. and there arraigned and Indicted for the Murdering of her Male Bastard-Infant, the 27*th* of *August* last past: After her Indictment being read to her, she pleaded not Guilty, and put her self upon her Countrey, which was the Jury. The evidence being so very plain, and by her own Confession to them before her Commitment; also she having not any thing to say for her self sufficient to make her just Defence, the Jury found her Guilty of Murder.

The next was a Souldier, who upon *London-Bridge* the day of *August* last, did endeavour to cheat a poor Apple-woman with Brass or Leaden-money, the woman Questioning the same, shewed it to a Carman being the next person that accidentally came, who said it was not good money; the Souldier being thereupon disturbed at the discovery of it, seemed so passionate that immediately he drew his Sword and killed the Carman aforesaid as was plainly proved the 5*th* of *September* afore-

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ſaid after full evidence being given, the Court demanded of him what he had to ſay for himſelf concerning the Murder of the Carman. In defence thereof, he ſaid, he was firſt aſſaulted, and that he did not wilfully kill him, but drew his Sword in his own defence, and that the Carman ran upon his Sword; and more ſaith not. The Court then leaving the whole matter to the Jury, who found him guilty of Murder. There was another Condemned for killing a Man at *Hoxton* near the *White Houſes*, but by reaſon His Majeſty (whom God grant long to live) hath been pleaſed out of his moſt gracious Mercy to ſpare from this immediate Execution, the particulars thereof I omit.

There was another Murder committed by a woman, which was upon her Female Baſtard-Infant, who living neer *Stains* in the County of *Middleſex*, being a Servant, and Maid, as was then ſuppoſed, was hired by her late Miſtreſs or Dame about *Lady-day* laſt paſt, and during all her time, there was not the leaſt notice taken, or ſhe any ways ſuſpected of her being with Child, until about the third day of *Auguſt*, notwithſtanding ſhe lying in the ſame room where her Maſter and Dame did lie; and that morning ſhe was delivered, which was about ſix of the Clock in the morning, her Maſter lay in bed about an hour after her Miſtreſs, and at his upriſing looking about the room, not having the leaſt ſuſpition of any thing, untill by accident caſting his eye towards his Maid, did ſee her look diſcontented; asked her what ſhe ayled: ſhe replied, Not very well; the Maſter acquainted his wife, who being more inquiſitive, and ſeeing ſome things, which for modeſty ſake I ſhall omit; but Queſtioning her Servant whether ſhe had not lately miſcarried of a Child, or if

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ſhe had not a Child born; at firſt ſhe denied it, but being more ſeverely preſt that the truth ſhould be known, ſhe did confeſs, ſhe had then been delivered of a Child, but it was ſtill-born; her Miſtreſs called in ſome of her Neighbours, and further deſired to know where the Child was, ſhe told her Miſtreſs and Neighbours there preſent, it was upon the Matt under the Bed whereon ſhe then lay; immediately her Maſter with the advice of his Neighbours ſent for a Chyrurgion and Midwife, to know if ſhe had wilfully murdred it or not, & both their Judgments were, it was ſtill-born; but the Law doth pronounce in ſuch caſes, by a Statute of the 21*th* of King *James*, That if any Child be unlawfully begotten, and born dead, without one witneſs at the leaſt, and concealing the ſame to hide their ſhame (or words to that effect) it ſhall be accounted as Murder, ſo this woman being delivered of a Baſtard-child (by her own Confeſſion, and concealing the ſame, the Jury found her Guilty of Murder the 5*th* of *September* inſtant.

The ſame day was *David Pearce* and *William Stoaks* called to the Barr, and there bid to hold up their hands ſeverally, which they both refuſed; for they deſired to ſee their Accuſers; and further ſaid, they ought not to be tried there, for they were accuſed for Robberies committed in *Rutlandſhire*; but their hands were forced up; upon which they replied, although their hands were forced up, their tongues ſhould not be forc'd to ſpeak. Then their Indictment being read to them, which was for ſtealing a Mare from a Gentleman in *Rutlandſhire*, and taking from his perſon, Money, Jewels, and Medals, all of great value; and after the Indictment being read, *Pearce* being asked if he were guilty of the Felony he ſtood indicted, or

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not Guilty, he refuſed to plead; for he ſaid, he ought to be tried in another County: Then *Stoakes* was asked the ſame, he anſwered the ſame as *Pearce* did: the Court then told them they ſhould be preſt, if they would not plead to their Indictment; but at that time they were ſet by: ſometime after they were called to the Barr again to hold up their hands; *Pearce* being called firſt, he did, and afterwards *Stoakes* did the like; after the Indictment was read, which was the ſecond time, they were asked to plead; they ſtill refuſed, but ſaid, if the Court would be pleaſed to give them time till the next morning, which being *Saturday*, that they might better conſider of it; the Court ſaid, their requeſt ſhould be granted. On *Saturday* morning they were called to plead to their indictment aforeſaid, which they did, and put themſelves upon their Countrey the Jury. The Gentleman whom they robbed and his mans Evidence was ſo poſitive, they knowing the ſaid *Pearce* and *Stoakes* with three other men, did in *Rutlandſhire* about the 17*th* of *July* laſt paſt ſet upon the ſaid Gentleman in his Coach, and take from him the things before-mentioned, and at which time they left an Horſe inſtead of the Gentlemans Mare, which Horſe was taken from a Londoner at *Kinſington* in a Robbery before committed and hereafter mentioned, and ſome of the Medals which were taken from the Gentleman in the poſſeſſion of the ſaid *Stoakes* and *Pearce*; the Evidence being fully examined and heard, the Court demanded of them what they could ſay for themſelves? they only denied it with a great deal of confidence. And before the Jury went out, they with one *Thom. Merrifield* were then tried for another Robbery committed near *Redborn* in *Hertfordſhire*, which was but two days after that in *Rutlandſhire*. In their way to *London* they met with

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a Sea Captain who came from *Ireland*, a Quartermaſter of Horſe, his man, and a Londoner, and paſsing by them twice before any thing was attempted, but after finding a convenient place for their deſign, did ſet upon them, and demanded their money. But the Quartermaſter finding himſelf as well provided, withſtood them, and fired at them ſeveral times, but in their diſpute the Quartermaſters man was killed, the Sea Captain robbed of about 20 *s.* in money, a pair of Piſtols and Symiter, the man that was killed had his Maſters Coat taken from him, wherein was ſeveral Writings, which afterwards part of them were found in the cuſtody of *Pearce* before the Lord Mayor, and that the ſaid *Stoakes* had the confidence to wear the ſaid Coat (ſo ſtoln) upon his back when tried for the ſame robbery, as afterward appeared.

For the Quartermaſter accidentally ſtanding by; after he had given evidence againſt *Pearce* and *Stoakes*, *Merrifield* a Priſoner was called to the Barr to be tryed for a Burglary, the Quartermaſter looking wiſhfully upon his Cloathes, compared his own Breeches which he had on at that time with the Coat, and other Marks, he knew it; he acquainted the Court, that the Coat the Priſoner at the Barr had on his back, was the Coat he loſt when his man was killed; and the ſame was immediately cauſed to be pulled off, &c. There was another Robbery committed by the ſaid *Pearce* and *Stoakes* (and others) not yet taken between *Kinſington* and *Knights-bridge*, where they ſet upon ſeveral men, and carried them over a Corn-field into a Gravel-pit, and there bound and robbed them, and took ſeveral of their Horſes, which have ſince been diſcovered by the *Gazet*, two of them taken in the cuſtody of *Pearce* and *Stoakes*, and owned upon Oath by thoſe perſons that had them taken feloniouſly from them, and according to Law and Juſtice hath Indicted them for the ſame, and the Jury found them Guilty of the Robberies afore-named.

And afterwards the Court proceeded to Judgment againſt ſeventeen perſons, fifteen men, and two women; and after Judgment

ment given, the two women were called again to the Barr, and asked what they could say for themselves, why Execution should not be awarded upon that Judgment they lately received; they answered, they were quick with Child, notwithstanding they were so lately delivered, which was not above 6 weeks, the longest time; a Jury of Women were impannelled and sworn, the Prisoners examined and searched, and their Verdict returned, That they nor neither of them was with child.

Three others were arraigned for a Robbery done at a Gentlemans house in *Bow-street* in *Covent-Garden*, which Robbery is very remarkable for the strangeness of its discovery, which was thus: A poor Link-boy going through *Bow-street* between 1 and 2 in the morning, spied three Thieves breaking in at the Gentlemans windows aforesaid, notwithstanding there were woodden-shutters, and Iron-bars to the said Windows, they had such Engines about them, that they could force their way, not only through Windows, but Doors also; here they put one of their Gang through the Window: the Link-boy perceiving what they went about, immediately goes into the *Strand*, where accidently he meets two of the Guard, and acquaints them with what he had seen; whereupon one of them takes the Link-boy up behind him, and hastes all they could to the said house; when they came thither, they knock at the Gentlemans door; he himself takes the allarm first; down he comes in the dark, upon the stairs he lays his hands upon the head of the Thief that was in the house, and being a strong man, did of himself overcome the Thief, notwithstanding the said Thief had a Pistol laden in his hand, with which he could easily have killed the Gentleman; but as he confessed afterwards to the Gentleman in *Newgate*, the reason why he killed him not, was, because he could not find which way to get out of the house; the other two that were without in the street, had, before the Life-Guard-men came, received from the other in the house, a hat, a Chamblet Cloak, a Peruick, a Sword, and Belt, with which, hearing the Guard come, they made away, but gat not far, before the two said Life-Guard-men apprehended them: Which Robbery was committed about the 12th of *July* last past.

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